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Serial No.:	10/524,195	Group Art Unit:	3767
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Title:	NEEDLESS PORT AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME		

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2005.

Applicant notes that the Office Action indicates that claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully reminds the Examiner that claims 20-22 have not been canceled, and possible reinstatement of the non-elected claims 20-22 was requested in the response filed on November 14, 2005.

The only substantive issue raised in the Office Action is a rejection of claims 1, 4, 7, 16-19 as anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/ 0102738 (Dikeman et al.). The present application claims priority to JP 2002-235170, filed August 12, 2002. The reference has an effective prior art date of November 26, 2002, which is subsequent to the August 12, 2002 filing date of the priority application for the present application. Thus this reference is not available as prior art. A verified translation of the priority application is filed herewith to perfect the claim for priority. The rejection should be withdrawn.

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Reply to Office Action of December 21, 2005

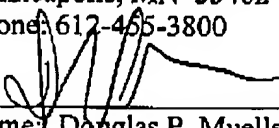
Claims 1, 4, 7, 16-19 therefore are allowable and thus the objection to claims 5, 6, 8-15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim is moot. Applicant requests reinstatement of the non-elected claims for allowance with the allowable elected claims.

Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested.



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